

To-day's
Advertisements.THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TER OF SHARES of the China Provi-
dent Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited,
will be CLOSED on and during the 15th day
of February, 1900.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [169b]GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$4.50 per Cask of 37½ lbs. Net ex Factory.
\$2.80 per Bag of 25 lbs.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [131]CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship

"SHANSHI."
Captain Carnahan, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [147b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SHIMONOSEKI AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA."
Captain Moore, will be despatched as above
ON SATURDAY, the 10th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the fact that the First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [75b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 11th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LIPKAT & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [165b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG."
Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched for the
above on TUESDAY, the 13th instant,
at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [166b]

THE OKASA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU."
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the
above ports, on SUNDAY, the 18th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUNSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [145]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SADO MARU,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods,
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at the Godown, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
NOON TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, will
be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in
the Godowns where they will be examined on
WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, and
SATURDAY, the 17th instant, both days at
10 A.M., upon notice of such damage being sent
in beforehand to this office.

All claims must reach the Undersigned before
the 17th instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [168b]

IMPERIAL GERMAN-MAIL-LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BAYERN"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

THE above named Steamer having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed
and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M.
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 17th instant, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, cracked and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant,
and MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 21st
February, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1900. [22]

To-day's
Advertisement.

WANTED immediately a good PORTU-
GUESE or CHINESE CLERK, able
to write English well, and translate English
into Chinese. One with a Knowledge of
Accounts preferred.
Applications stating Qualifications and Salary
required to be sent in writing addressed to—
"CLERK."

c/o Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [167b]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CLARETS.

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states that the British are within seven miles
of Achttertang (North of Colesberg).

Re-Inforcements.

During the present week 13,700 men, and
3,000 horses, including Cavalry, Yeomanry
and Militia Volunteers, will sail for the Cape.

The Cape.

Replying to a communication from
Presidents Kruger and Steyn, complaining
of British destruction of farm houses, Lord
Roberts declares the charges to be un-
substantiated and accuses the Boers of
barbarous practices, and of the spoliation
and expulsion of British subjects for refusing
to fight against their own country.

THE WAR

Natal.

Despatches from the Boer Camp at Lady-
smith 6th instant state that the British crossed
the Tugela on the 5th, at Pont and Molen
drifts, covered by a furious bombardment.
General Buller reports that he repulsed the
British at Pont Drift and that they recrossed
the river in great confusion. The cannonade
which was unprecedented continued all day
and was resumed on the 6th with even more
guns.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—
On the 8th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
fallen in China and Japan. Pressure is still
high over E. China and Japan, and relatively
low in the neighbourhood of the Loochens.
Gradients slight to moderate, with moderate
monsoon on the coast and strong monsoon in
the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—
Moderate N. winds; dull, probably some rain.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Victorious* is expected to go home in
March, she will be relieved probably by the
Revenge.

A TOKIO telegram states that the diplomatic
relations between Japan and a European Power
(Russia?) have now become so strained that the
Japanese Government has already completed
all the preparations necessary for sending troops
abroad.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived yesterday
by the steamship *Bayern*, was Sir J. Carrington,
Kt., D.C.L., C.M.G., (Chief Justice) after 10
months' leave of absence, he returns to the
Colony in the best of health. He was met
on board by the Hon. W. Meigh Goodman
(Attorney General), Messrs. J. W. Norton
Kyshe (Registrar), and A. Seth (Deputy
Registrar), and on arrival at the Supreme Court
all the staff came forward to bid him welcome
back to the Colony.

Sir John Carrington, on taking his seat as
Chief Justice, will be pleased to see that the
comfort of those obliged to attend the court has
been studied by the erection of a stove and a
screen placed between the door and the jury
box; two improvements which were not effected
any too soon.

SOME Japanese Naval Manoeuvres of an un-
precedented scale are to take place off the coast
of Japan, some time between the 25th March
and the 10th April, 40 ships are expected to
take part, and as the *Shikishima*, a large battle
ship, is expected to arrive from England, about
that time, and will probably also take her place
in the manoeuvres.

THE German community of Shanghai, sent a
telegram of farewell, to H.R.H. Prince Henry
of Prussia on the eve of his departure for Ger-
many from Singapore. Prince Henry replied,
thanking them for their hospitality to him
during his recent visit, and that when he arrived
home, he would still continue to work for the
furtherance of German interests in China.

OUR readers will be pleased to hear that Mrs.
Archibald Little has kindly consented to deliver
an address on "Footbinding," under the aus-
pices of the Odd Volumes Society, in the St.
Andrew's Hall at the City Hall, on Wednesday,
the 14th inst., at 5.15 p.m. Her Excellency
Lady Blake will take the chair. The meeting
is open to Ladies, and Members of the Public.

APPARENTLY it is not only in Hongkong that
absent-minded folk mistake things for walking-
sticks and umbrellas, as the following clipping
from the *Honolulu Independent* will show:—

NOTICE.
If the party who took from the Railway
Depot on Saturday, December 23d, between
5.30 and 6 p.m., one fox-terrier puppy, and
seven turkeys, will return the puppy to Mr.
Fred. Eaton at the Depot, no questions will be
asked.

THE second round of the Hongkong Challenge
Shield between "G" Co. R. W. Fusiliers
and H.K.F.C. will take place on Saturday, the
10th inst., on the Garrison football ground,
Happy Valley. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The
following will represent the Company:—
Evans, Murray, Lambert, Davies, Ponnall,
Lewis, Williams, Cheate, Boulton, Pugh,
Jones. Although "G" Co. will not be able to
take the field in full strength, they hope to be
able to give their opponents a decent game.

THE Modder River battlefield is still an in-
teresting study. Every tree, shrub, and iron
building over the whole of the wide area is
manned, bristled, and riddled by our sharp-
shooters. Not even one meat tin in the Boer trenches
escaped the bullets; but, despite our continuous
storm of fire, the Boers were able to pour a
withering rifle fire on our advancing men. All
this shows that, when properly entrenched, they
are practically impregnable to direct assault even
when that assault is supported by British
artillery.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LD.

To-day, at noon, an extraordinary meet-
ing of the shareholders in the above
Company was held at the offices of Messrs.
Sheehan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers.
Mr. R. Sheehan presided and the following
gentlemen were present:—Messrs. J. S. Van
Luren, J. H. Lewis, Chun Hing Ki, Y. J. Y.
Kelly, Wong Hoi, Guan Tung Shang and
F. M. Gutierrez.

The Secretary read the notice convening the
meeting.
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I beg to
propose that the following resolution, which was
passed on the 23rd January last, be now con-
firmed:—That the capital of the Capital of
the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the
creation and issue of 50,000 new shares of \$20
each.

Mr. Kelly seconded.
Carried.
The Chairman said:—I propose that the second
resolution be confirmed:—That the com-
mission of the General Managers be reduced
to 5 per cent, and that the figure "8" in
the 8th paragraph of Article XI. of the
Articles of Association of the Company be
struck out and the figure "5" substituted
therefor.

Mr. Kelly seconded.
Carried.
The Chairman said:—The resolutions having now
been passed, I may inform you that the transfer
books will be closed on 15th inst. and the first
call of \$5 per share will be payable on 15th
March. All shareholders on the register on
15th February will be entitled to apply for the
new issue in the proportion of one new share for
every share standing in their name on that
date. That is all the business.
The proceedings then terminated.

PRESENTATION TO SERGT.
WILLIAMSON.

This afternoon a presentation of a very fine
Chinese silver tea service, and silver flower
bowl was made to Sergt. Williamson of the
Hongkong Police Force, who was lately married
to Mrs. Ewanson, this opportunity being chosen
by his comrades as a fitting one on which to
show their appreciation of his many amiable
and sterling qualities.

The presentation took place in Inspector
McNab's quarters, quite a large party being
present. Mr. Hanson performed the pleas-
ing function on behalf of

THE RIGHT WAY.

While neighbouring sections are more or less disturbed, we are glad to record that this district, and in fact the entire prefecture to which it belongs, is quiet. This is no doubt due in part, at least, to the fact that the highest civil and military authorities are intelligent men, and treat the people alike without regard to religious belief, and do not treat petitioners from the missionaries or their adherents "as so much waste paper." The Emperor, and many like him, have yet to learn that men such as these, who, by discountenancing disturbances, secure tranquillity to both Christians and non-Christians, are after all much better friends of her "loved people" than Li Ping-heng, Yu Hsien, and all that class, whom Heaven grant that Shantung may see no more.—*M. C. D. News Cor.*

THE "COUP D'ETAT" THAT FAILED.

The *China Gazette* of 3rd instant says:—there is a great dearth of news from Peking respecting the *Coup d'Etat* since we last appeared, and the only thing that appears to be tolerably certain is that the Empress Dowager has not succeeded in her nefarious plot to dethrone the Jaiwei Emperor Kwang Hsu, who still continues to nominally reign. In the various temples throughout China where the Manchurians are accustomed to worship the tablets of the Emperor on China New Year's Day, we learn the tablets of Kwang Hsu remained in their usual place. From the South comes news of what looks like an attempt to burn the Yamen of Li Hung-chang in Canton on Wednesday, when he and the Provincial Mandarin were about to proceed to carry out the usual New Year's ceremonies.

THE PEKING "COUP D'ETAT."

The present Peking *Coup d'Etat* is attracting keen attention in Japan. The Progressists in the Diet have arranged to put some questions to the Government to ascertain its views on the matter. The questions relate to the situation in Peking before and after the *Coup d'Etat*, and to the rumored scheme of France and Russia to advance their troops to Peking. Some fear is expressed that the *Coup d'Etat* may lead to an outbreak of civil war in China.—*Kobe Herald.*

THE STRANDING OF THE "STRATHGYLE."

Further particulars as to the accident to the *Strathgyle* appear in the *Japan Advertiser* of the 29th inst. The *Strathgyle*, says our contemporary, coming up Yokohama bay on the morning of the 29th, from some unexplained reason got off her course, and ran hard and fast on the spit at Honmoku. As she lies on a soft muddy bottom, probably no damage will result, except from delay, as it is hoped that with a little lightening she will be got off. It is reported that, owing to the illness of Capt. McIntosh, the steamer was in charge of the first officer. The *Strathgyle* was to have sailed for San Diego on the 31st.

AMOI AND JAPANESE POLICE.

Japanese newspapers are beginning to write about the necessity of Japan's acquiring the right of policing Amoy. They point to the repeated evidences recently furnished of anti-Japanese feeling in that place. It is true that the officer commanding the *Suma* has telegraphed that the fricas between a number of his men and the citizens did not assume a character calling for international representations, but there is no mistaking the object lesson it furnishes. Amoy is in a disturbed condition, and the Chinese police are evidently quite unable to preserve peace and good order. Germany has obtained the right of policing a part of Shantung. Russia is invested with power to maintain order in the districts where she is building railways. But the question of good government in Amoy is even more important to Japan, for it is impossible for her to administer Formosa satisfactorily unless the unruly elements in Amoy are controlled. Some limits might be set to her exercise of police authority, but that it ought to be obtained, and that its scope should extend to the whole of Amoy the *Asahi* and the *Yomiuri* strongly insist. We *(Japan Mail)* have long expected something of this kind. The more Japan's points of contact with China are multiplied, the more inevitable is it that friction should be developed, and that remedies which Western States have found necessary under similar circumstances should be resorted to by Japan.

TRADE OPENINGS IN JAPAN.

The following notes regarding trade opportunities in Japan are taken from the *Canadian Manufacturer*.—With the rapid introduction of all classes of general machinery, there is a very large demand for leather and rubber belting, which demand is likely to increase year by year as factories are established. There are no gutta percha or rubber goods manufactured in the country. Steam boilers are being imported in considerable quantities from England, and the demand will continue, as there is a strong desire on the part of the Japanese to establish manufactories of various kinds throughout the country. The demand is especially for multitubular boilers. There are great possibilities for the sale of electrical apparatus, as there is sure to be a great development in the near future. There is only one electric road in Japan, at Kioto. The use of dynamo, motors, and other classes of electrical machinery will certainly increase very rapidly. New electric roads in the leading trade centres are projected. There is a capital opening for lathes, drilling machines, steam hammers, planers, punches, tapping machines, and all such lines. The sale of these will be extensive during the next few years. To insure success such lines require to be handled by a specialist.

ALLEGED FORGERY BY BANK OFFICIALS.

Recently a judge, a public procurator and some police officials paid a visit to the office of the Teikoku Noshu Bank at Otsu, which they searched. The *Osaka Asahi* informs its readers that the domiciliary search of the bank was due to the discovery of the forgery of private documents purporting to be from officials of the Bank. Some of the officials, it is alleged, have been arrested on warrants issued by the Procurator.

FRENCH PLAGUE LYMPH.

Two thousand cases of the French plague lymph ordered by the Home Department from Hanan are expected to arrive at Kobe shortly on the *Harima-maru*. The lymph will be sent to Osaka on its arrival to inoculate doctors engaged in plague inspection, and hospital nurses and others who may come into close contact with plague patients.—*Kobe Herald.*

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

(From our Exchanges.)

NATAL.

Communication with Ladysmith.
LONDON, January 21st.
Captain Cayzer, Chief Signaller, has returned to headquarters from Weenen, after keeping up communications with Frere and Ladysmith for seven weeks from the top of Umkumbula Mountain, whose ironstone rocks attract heavy shocks of lightning. Captain Cayzer endured great privations and was exposed to constant danger. His nearest water-supply was eight miles off. His messages totalled 41,000 words.

General French Pushes Forward.

LONDON, January 20th.
A despatch from Rensburg, dated Friday, says that General French advanced his flank eight miles to-day, securing a good camp, at which there is abundant water, unopposed.

Lord Dundonald's Defeat of the Boers.

SPEARMAN'S FARM, January 19th.
The force under Lord Dundonald has defeated the Boers—numbered at 300, the Naidians behaving splendidly, and the Field Artillery shelling vigorously.

An Arduous Undertaking.

LONDON, January 21st.
Sir Charles Warren's force is in magnificent spirits, and comprises the 1st Howitzer and other Batteries; considerable Cavalry and Infantry; Mounted Infantry, etc.; 400 waggon, 500 transport animals, and train of fifteen miles in length. The marching is arduous. At the end of the first day the force halted in a shady, healthy spot, close to the farm of Herr Pretorius, a loyal Dutchman, where they reloaded in poultry, vegetables, and pasturage, until the heavy guns and transport arrived. The force commands the whole of the Ladysmith Valley.

More Boer Treachery.

The 10th Natal Borderers report instances of treachery on the 6th instant.
Fifty Boers raised their hands, crying "Don't shoot, we are the Town Guard." The Volunteers lowered their rifles and turned; and immediately a volley was poured into them. The Volunteers returned, and despatched the enemy completely.

General Clerly's Advances.

LONDON, January 21st.
An official despatch states that General Clerly, who is with General Warren, engaged the enemy at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning until 7 o'clock at night, driving the Boers from ridge to ridge for a distance of three miles, and bivouaching on the ground gained. The Boer main position still confronts him.

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The Vonters'ruit Action.

LONDON, January 22nd.
The fighting on Saturday round Spionkop was very severe, but our troops were not to be denied and won all along the line. The *Daily Telegraph* states that General Warren has practically succeeded in securing the tableland and constituted the key of the Boer position. The enemy fired shrapnel which they had captured at Colenso. A message received from Spearman's Farm on Sunday states that Lord Dundonald holds the approach to Olivershoek Pass, which cuts off the retreat of the enemy in the direction of the Free State. Everything so far has turned out as General Buller planned and expected, and the success of our arms is most satisfactory.

Saturday's Fight: no News Yet of the Killed.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Intelligence from Spearman's Farm on Sunday states that General Warren's column rounded the extreme right of the Boers yesterday and stormed two ridges successively, the second of which is the last on the summit of Spionkop, which is still in the enemy's possession. Lord Dundonald's cavalry moved on our extreme left, covering the approach in the Tintwa. Eleven officers and 279 men were wounded in yesterday's fighting.

Damage at Ladysmith by the Enemy's Shells.

LONDON, January 23rd.
A Boer despatch states that shells from "Long Tom" smashed General White's and General Hunter's quarters on 22nd, but it is unknown if anybody was killed.

The Boers Fall into a Trap.

LONDON, January 23rd.
A message from Pretoria states that the Boer despatches from the Upper Tugela, dated the 19th instant, admit that the British Infantry took two rows of kopjes. They also state that 2,000 British Cavalry attempted to outflank the Boers along the Darkensberg, and that a Boer patrol, mistaking some signals, encountered the British force and lost 14 killed and 20 wounded.

Sir Charles Warren's Difficult Task.

LONDON, January 24th.
The position which Sir Charles Warren obtained on the 21st instant, and is at present holding, is a very difficult one presenting the greatest hazards, but was the best he could get. On the 19th he tried to get an opening with the intention of taking the enemy in flank; but, after marching five miles to the westward he turned back, no opening of any sort having been discovered in the serrated range of hills. It was only possible to reach Dewood by making a very long detour which, besides exhausting the column, would have laid it open to harassing by the vigilant enemy following the march, and keeping level with the assailants by moving rapidly from one hill-crest to another. The alternative was to take up a position near Action Holmes directly in front of Spionkop, the key of the enemy's position; and, by a frontal attack, force a passage to Ladysmith. This attack, it was stated by General Buller in his dispatch, was fixed for the night of the 23rd; but up to three o'clock this afternoon, no further news had reached London. It is believed in military circles here that Sir Charles Warren's experience of Boer tactics, and South African warfare generally, would suggest something less risk than the movement indicated in General Buller's despatch.

The Condition of the Ladysmith Garrison.

Correspondents at Ladysmith, who were able to get messages through on Monday, state that the beleaguered garrison has ceased to speculate as to the probable date of deliverance. It has been unable to discern any developments of General Buller's advance, which has so far had very little appreciable effect on the investing army, except that it seems to have drawn a portion of it hence. The utmost vigilance is still exacted of Sir George White, and any slackness would probably be the signal for a general assault, which might eventuate disastrously. The garrison, however, is confident and awaits its ultimate relief with patience.

The Value of Spionkop.

LONDON, January 24th.
General Sir Redvers Buller telegraphs from Spearman's Camp on the 23rd, at 6.20 p.m., that the enemy's position is 1,400 yards in front of General Sir Charles Warren, and west of Spionkop, on a higher ground, and only approachable over bare highen slopes.
The ridges held by General Warren are so steep that our guns cannot be placed on them, but we are shelling the enemy with howitzers and field guns, placed on lower ground, behind the infantry. The enemy reply with their Creusot guns and other artillery. In this artillery duel, the advantage rests with us, as we appear to be searching their trenches, while the enemy's fire is not causing much loss.

Another Kopje Captured.

LONDON, January 23th.
Reuter writing from Spearman's Camp on the 23rd evening, says that the result of the fire of our Howitzers, field guns, and rifles was that the Boers to-day abandoned the crest of the kopje, whereupon our Infantry occupied it.
The Boers were sheltered by a stone wall on the slope of the kopje, which they held for hours; but in the afternoon they retreated across a ravine, while our sharpshooters and light batteries pounded them.

KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, January 23rd.
A 28-pounder gun has just been constructed at Kimberley, firing 8,000 yards accurately.

The Boer Magazine at Magersfontein blown up.

LONDON, January 24th.
An intermittent artillery duel is reported from the Modder River, and a success has been achieved by Lord Methuen, whose shells have destroyed the Boer powder magazine at Magersfontein. This is an important incident, as the enemy's line of communications has been intercepted, and supplies are not easily obtainable.

MAFEKING.

LONDON, January 22nd.
A Reuter's despatch from Mochudi, dated the 12th instant, says that a Boer patrol attempted to approach and burn Gaberones Station; but an armoured train frustrated them. The enemy escaped.

Col. Baden-Powell Confident.

A message has been received from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated the 6th, which states that he has still three months' food for the garrison at Mafeking, and has no intention of giving away one bit to the besiegers, who have increased their numbers but not their effectiveness.

A Story About Mafeking.

LONDON, January 23rd.
A Modder River correspondent transmits an amusing story of the siege of Mafeking. It seems that Colonel Baden-Powell unearthed an old ship's 7-pounder, firing solid shell. The enemy were much disconcerted, wondering how he acquired his new Ordnance.

GENERAL.

Re-Inforcements.

The Imperial Yeomanry and the Eighth Division.

The Composition of the 16th and 17th Brigades.

LONDON, January 21st.
It is proposed to leave the Imperial Yeomanry with experienced detachments of local Mounted Corps.

The 16th Brigade comprises the 2nd Grenadiers; the 2nd Scots Guards; the 2nd East

Yorkshires; the 15th (sic) Leinsters. The Supply Companies are mobilising at Woolwich, and the remainder at Aldershot.

The 17th Brigade, the staff of which is collecting at Aldershot, consists of the 1st Worcester-shires, the 1st South Staffords, the 2nd West Kents, and the 2nd Manchester.

A Railway Volunteer Corps.

The formation of a corps of Railway Volunteers has been approved, £3,000 being granted.

The Second City Volunteer Contingent.

There was a second Service for the City Volunteers at St. Paul's Cathedral last night. The streets were choked with swaying, roiling multitudes, heedless of the downpour of rain. The Benchers of Lincoln's and Gray's Inns afterwards supplied the contingent, and several judges delivered eloquent speeches. Colonel Mackinnon eulogised the Lord Mayor's energy. The proceedings were tumultuous.

More Field Batteries.

The transport *Manchester* Port has sailed for the Cape with the 83rd, 84th, and 85th Field Batteries and details, representing a total of 29 officers, 500 horses, and 17 guns.

The Staff of the Eighth Division.

LONDON, 23rd January.
The Eighth Division Staff consists of Colonel Harley and Major Cavendish, of the Argyll and Sutherland; Captain Walsh, of the Leicesters; Colonels Morrison and May, Major Jerome, and Captain Bennett, of the Worcesters.

More South African Horses.

Two more Regiments of South African Light Horse are being raised under the name of Robert's and Kitchener's Horse.

The Cameron Highlanders.

The Cameron Highlanders have been ordered from Cairo to the Cape.

Regulars as Mounted Infantry Men.

CALCUTTA, 24th January 10 to a.m.
Three hundred and fifty Mounted Infantry from the Essex, the Durhams, and the West Ridings, sailed to-day for Durban on the "Palmerston," under Major Cruickshank, of the Essex Regiment. The men are a remarkably fine lot, most of the West Ridings wearing the Matabele Medal. The public gave them a magnificent send-off, and provided them with numerous luxuries and comforts for the voyage.

A Madras Mounted Infantry Contingent.

RANGOON, 24th January.
A proposal has been made to raise a Madras Contingent of Mounted Infantry Volunteers for service in South Africa, the Corps to consist of two Companies of 125 men each, under the command of Major John Logan, Commandant of the Coorg and Mysore Rifles. It is believed that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary number of recruits, General Wolsley, Commanding the Madras forces, has approved of the proposal which he is submitting to the Government.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Methuen-Wauchope Affair.

LONDON, January 24th.
The relations of the late General Wauchope disabuse the alleged "Don't blame me, men" speech which he is reported to have made to his Highlanders before he died. Lord Wolsley denies all knowledge of the letter of General Wauchope, said to have been written by him on the night previous to the reverse at the Modder River, complaining of Lord Methuen's plans.

General Wauchope's Widow.

Besides the denial of Lord Wolsley that the War Office possess a letter in which General Wauchope criticises Lord Methuen, his widow writes to the *Scotsman* quoting General Wauchope's last letter, in which, mentioning Lord Methuen, he wrote as follows:—"Methuen has had a hard time. He must be a really gallant soul to shove along as he does."

Count Buelow's Speech.

The speech of the German Foreign Minister, regarding the seizure of the *Bundesrath* and other German vessels, is causing some stir here. The *Times* is astonished at the almost minatory tone of the conclusion of Count Von Buelow's speech.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

This year's German Budget shows a steadily increase in every department, the enormous total of 2,058,335,551 marks in expenditure being now reached. It is true that this is only something over £100,000,000, but it must always be remembered in German finance that each State has its own budget, and sometimes a pretty stiff one, over and above the imperial charges. The army, the navy, and the colonies, each constitute a heavy and increasing burden on the Empire, the possessions in South-West Africa and South-East Africa alone swallowing up some fourteen millions. The total revenue is nearly 80,000,000 marks short of the revenue and a further loan of 76,000,000 will have to be issued. In view of the necessity now so much discussed of promoting English emigration to the Cape in order to balance the Dutch preponderance there, it is interesting to observe that loans of 3,000 to 4,000 marks free of interest are being offered to colonists who brave the desert by endeavouring to settle in South-West Africa, where also a further instalment of the Swakop-Windhoek railway is to be built at the Imperial expense.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer 30.141
Thermometer 57.3
Humidity 79.9
Rainfall 1.76

TO-DAY.

Chinese—9th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 39min.
Sets 5hr. 49min.
High water—Morning 4hr. 50min.
Afternoon 3hr. 55min.
Low water—Morning 7hr. 55min.
Afternoon 1hr. 10min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1626—The Spanish fleet left the port of Cavite, by order of the Governor of Manila, for the purpose of taking Formosa.
1819—John Ruskin born.
1849—Roman Republic proclaimed.
1868—Great fire at Fenchow.
1872—Assassination of Lord Mayo, Viceroy of India.
1879—Russia-Turkish Treaty signed.
1890—Great fire at Yokohama, Japan. Collision at Kobe between the steamers *Felbridge* and *Atsuta Maru*.
1897—The *Kurik* docked at Hongkong; largest vessel docked in Hongkong.
1898—Disastrous cyclone at Mackay, Queensland.

TO-MORROW.

Chinese—10th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 39min.
Sets 5hr. 49min.
High water—Morning 4hr. 50min.
Afternoon 3hr. 55min.
Low water—Morning 7hr. 55min.
Afternoon 1hr. 10min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1555—Bishop Hooper burnt.
1857—The *Henrietta Maria* found drifting about in Palawan Passage; captain, crew and 250 convicts missing.
1891—Destructive fire at Kowloon City.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.
Daylight—N. V. K. steamer *Hilanki Maru* for Europe.
Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Trieste* leaves for Fiume and Trieste.
Cargo ex *Trieste* subject to rent.
5 for 5.30 p.m.—Emergency meeting of the Eothen Lodge.

SATURDAY, 10th.

N. P. R. steamer *Glenage* leaves for Victoria B.C. and Tacoma.
(About) C. O. steamer *Camarthenshire* leaves for San Diego and Frisco.

SUNDAY, 11th.

(About) N. L. H. A. steamer *Holsatia* leaves for Havre and Hamburg.
(About) S. & T's New York Line steamer *Queen Eleanor* leaves for New York.

MONDAY, 12th.

3.00 and 3.15 p.m.—Auction sale of Crown Lands, Vanchai Road and Queen's Road East, at P. W. D. Offices.
4 p.m. N. Y. K. steamer *Idzumi Maru* leave for Victoria, B.C. and Seattle.
9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club, "Yeoman of the Guard" at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, 13th.

Noon—O. & C. steamer *Guthrie* leaves for San Francisco.
Noon—C. N. steamer *Tsinan* for Australia.
N. P. R. steamer *Abergeldie* for Portland Oregon.

WEDNESDAY, 14th.

C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, leaves for Victoria B.C.
Cargo ex *Guthrie* subject to rent.

THURSDAY, 15th.

Cargo ex *Benvenue* subject to rent.
9 p.m.—A. D. C. "Yeoman of the Guard" at City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Australian (Australia) 12th inst.
American (Hongkong Maru) 12th inst.
French (Sydney) 14th inst.
American (Algon) 20th inst.
Canadian (Empress of Japan) 23rd inst.
American (China) 24th inst.
American (Doric) 1st prox.

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—30th December St. Jerome, Indus, Dart, Latakken, Lynevan, Ophias, and January—Tania, Lykkin, Olenburg, Samuki Maru, St. Andrews, 5th January—Laos, Tenkai, Erakherag, Ferdinand, Denighshire, Ormazan, 9th January—Glen-turret, Tulkar, 12th January—Cachas, Sado Maru, 16th January—Bayern, Nurnberg, Maru, 19th January—Eidwald, Candia, Copack, Maru, 23rd January—Adantic, 23rd January—Orestes, Sydney, 25th January—Jawa, Tonkin, Susneti, Windsor, 30th January—Oakbranch, Socotra.

Homeward—12th Jan.—Andalusia, Savala, 16th January—Yarra, Suevia, 19th January—Japan, 23rd January—Kenmore, Malpomen, Elizabeth Rickers, Patroclus, 30th January—Tandius, Benharig, Oceanic, Awa Maru, Rugby, Eskdale Korniloff, St. Kilda, Stuttgart.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

MAIZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Ogata, 7th Feb., Amoy and Swatow 6th Feb., General—Order.
SADO MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,856, W. Thompson, 8th Feb., London 30th Dec and Singapore 1st Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, Dawson, 8th Feb., Canton 8th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,109, P. Garriock, 8th Feb., Wuhu and Chinkiang 3rd Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
ROBERT DICKINSON, British steamer, 9,331, McDonald, 8th Feb., Polk Papan 31st Jan., Liquid Fuel—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
GLENGARRY, British steamer, 1,924, F. R. Gedy, 8th Feb., Moji 3rd Feb., Coal—McGregor Bros. & Gow.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hilanki Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
Pak Kong, British str., for Canton.
Loongang, British str., for Manila.
Yamaguchi Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Chungang, British str., for Hongkong.
Sado Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Glenagary, British str., for Singapore.
Kwai Lam, British steam-launch, for Macao.

Departures.

Feb. 8, *Hayden*, German str., for Shanghai, &c.
Feb. 8, *P. L. C. Alca*, British str., for Swatow.
Feb. 8, *Amoy*, German str., for Kobe.
Feb. 8, *Sachsen*, German str., for Europe.
Feb. 8, *Loongang*, British str., for Manila.
Feb. 8, *Reching Maru*, Jap. str., for Swatow.
Feb. 8, *Kongwai*, British str., for Bangkok.
Feb. 8, *Loong*, British str., for Bangkok.
Feb. 8, *Yamaguchi Maru*, Jap. str., for Kobe.
Feb. 8, *Hilanki Maru*, Jap. str., for Singapore.

Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Whampoa*, from Chinkiang—Miss Wetherston, and 4 Chinese.
Per *Sado Maru*, from London—Mr. J. Oppenheim, Lieut. H. S. Maberly, Messrs. A. Goshichi, K. Nishimata, H. Bosch, Reitz, T. Miyakawa and child, Misses Key and Miyakawa, Messrs. S. Mura, K. Mizuhara, Mrs. Wyle, Misses Daisy Wyle, Byron, Mr. H. Ellis, Miss L. Frey, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Screanton.

Departed.

Per *Loongang*, for Manila—Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Paschal, Mrs. R. H. Power, Mrs. Ella Wood Young, Mrs. Louis P. Smith, Messrs. Mitchell C. McDonald, U.S.N., N. J. Bies, E. F. Van Hoogeten, J. M. Vale, Ernst H. Lentholt, Robert Schlenitz and Geo. Goldsmith.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	From.	Due.
Alceda	Singapore	To-morrow
Calculus	Singapore	To-morrow
Emma Lyken	Singapore	Feb. 10th
Sikh	Japan	Feb. 10th
Australian	Port Darwin	Feb. 12th
Hongkong Maru	Japan	Feb. 12th
Sydney	Singapore	Feb. 14th
Kamsang	Singapore	Feb. 14th
Algon	San Francisco	Feb. 20th
Empress of Japan	Vancouver	Feb. 23rd
China	San Francisco</	

Entertainment.

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CITY HALL.HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE
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THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID.
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W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULLIVAN.MONDAY, 12th February.
THURSDAY, 15th
SATURDAY, 17th
SATURDAY, 24th
MONDAY, 26thCommencing each Evening at 9 P.M. precisely.
Dress Circle and Stalls \$3
Pit 2
Half-price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors,
and Police in Uniform.TICKETS can be obtained at the Booking
Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after
MONDAY, the 5th February, at 10 A.M.
The Booking Office will be OPEN daily
from that date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. except
on Race Days, when it will be open from
10 A.M. to 12 NOON.Late Trains will run from after the fall of
the curtain.
H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1900. [123b]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong,
on SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, at
NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Board of Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.
By order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [105b]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers
of Shares of the Corporation will be
CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the
17th day of February, both days inclusive,
during which period NO Transfer of Shares
can be registered.
By order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [106b]

HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCK
CO., LIMITED.NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings,
New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th
February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors
and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st
December, 1899.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 24th
February, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127b]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
CO., LIMITED.NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be
held at the Offices of the Company, Leeder's
Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March,
1900, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement
of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the
Report of the General Managers, and to elect
a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the
1st March, both days inclusive.J. ARNOLD, MATTHEWS & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [129b]

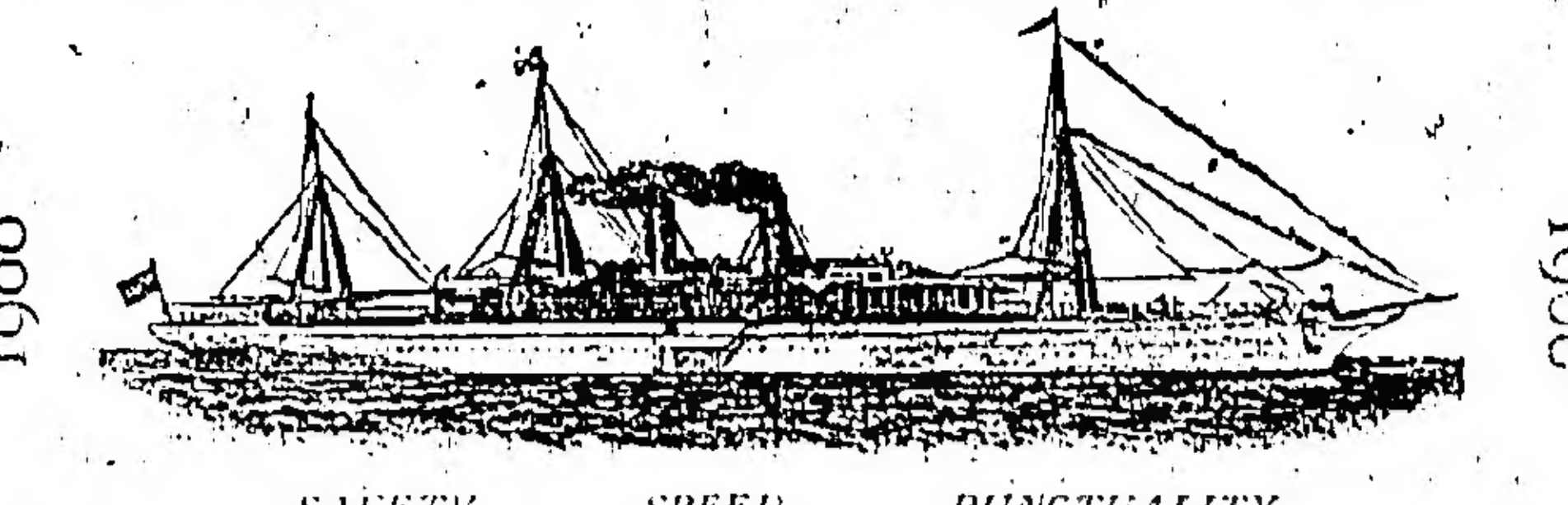
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO,
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 per
Cent. or \$1.20 per Share, declared at the
Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders,
held this Day, will be PAYABLE at the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY, the 2nd
February, 1900.Shareholders are requested to apply to the
Office of the Company for WARRANTS.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [136b]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Directors
of the Company, held at the Company's Office,
No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong,
on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the
following Resolution was passed:
That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon
all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the
above Company in respect of all the Shares
held by them in the above Company be and
the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be
paid to the Company at their Bankers,
the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or
before the 3rd day of March, 1900.And Notice is also given that in accordance
with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of
Association, interest will be charged as from
the said 3rd day of March, 1900, at the rate of
\$10 per centum per annum, upon all calls
remaining unpaid after the said 3rd day of
March, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment
of the same.Shareholders are particularly requested to
note that upon presentation at the Office of the
Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment
of the call together with the certificate of the
shares in respect of which the call has been
paid, an endorsement to that effect will be
made upon the certificate.By order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. G. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 4th April.The magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND
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Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
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(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's
Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY
through which the Railway passes.THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated
by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.
For further information, Maps, Guide, Booklets, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pulley's Street, Hongkong, 17th January, 1900. [13]NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.Algonquin...13750 R. D. Jones...Feb. 13
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States Ports.Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-
land, Or., (whichever may be the destination of
the steamer).Parcels must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day
previous to sailing.For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [14]CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
FE RAILROAD CO.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND
SAN FRANCISCO,
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS
and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.
Carmarthen...13750 about Feb. 10
Belgian King...13750 about Feb. 10
Thyra...13750 about Mar. 6
Lady Foley...13750 about Mar. 31THE Steamship
"CARMARTHENSIRE,"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE, YOKO-
HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about
SATURDAY, the 10th February.Through Bills of Lading issued to any point
in the United States.Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages
will be received at the Office until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Diego, should be
sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the
Collector of Customs, San Diego.For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900. [28]THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS.)THE Steamship
"PENANG,"
Captain S. Darchan, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this Port for
BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 17th
instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo
for the above Ports.Sill and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay with Transhipment.Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [6]

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HITACHI MARU G. Anderson	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP, VIA SHANGHAI, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	TO-HOKIOW, 9th Feb., at Daylight.
*IDZUMI MARU M. J. Curnow	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI (WOOSUNG), KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 12th Feb., at 4 P.M.
WARASA MARU J. B. MacMillan	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP, VIA SHANGHAI, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at Daylight.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the
United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and
Atlantic Steamers.For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's
Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1900. [16]

NORDDEUTSCHER
LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO,
LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK
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ASTORIA Hildebrandt	NEW YORK. (via SHANGHAI, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.)	About 18th March.
SAXONIA Krech	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st March.

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TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
HONGKONG MARU
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Sea, Yokohama and
Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb.,
at Noon.NIPPON MARU (via
Shanghai, Naga-
saki, Kobe, Inland
Sea, Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Tuesday, 20th March,
at Noon.AMERICA MARU (via
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taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
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Queen's Buildings.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [7]HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LINE.

(Freight Service.)

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4th December, 1899. [23]

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 17th November, 1899. [12]

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Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
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Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [10]

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